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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2001.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 June 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/22/02, 11/15/04. 8/4/01
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

Detailed Action

This action is in response to the application filed on 08/06/2001.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. Japan 2000-240096, filed on 08/08/2000.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

In particular, at least the independent claims recite a "computer program." The MPEP section 2106 (page 2100-13 of MPEP version 8) clearly outlines "Data structures not claimed as embodied in computer-readable media are descriptive material per se and are not statutory because they are not capable of causing functional change in the computer."

Corrective action to Claims 9-12 is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Hultgren US Patent 6,868,391 B1.

Re claim 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 10: Hultgren discloses:

A method, system, device and software of a mobile payment comprising:

At personal information input terminal (see Hultgren, Figure 2, item 202)- notifying payment center through mobile (see Hultgren, Figure 1) of price and personal identifying information (see Hultgren, Figure 2, item 222).

At payment center (see Hultgren, Figure 2, item 208) – comparing information (see Hultgren, Figure 2, item 208-3), Mobile Station user verify price (see Hultgren, Figure 3B, item 326)

At Mobile Station (see Hultgren, Figure 2, item 204): notify payment center (see Hultgren, Figure 3B, item 328), notifying Home Location Register collect payment (see Hultgren, Figure 3A, item 306), notifying store payment complete (see Hultgren, Figure 3C, item 346)

Re claim 2, 4, 6, 8, 11 & 12: Hultgren discloses:

A method, system, device and software of a mobile payment comprising:

Personal information is a fingerprint (see Hultgren, column 6, line 40-45)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Robb, U.S. Patent No 6,177,950 B1, discloses a multifunctional portable telephone device including biometric capabilities.

Shinzaki, U.S. Patent 6,765,470 B2, teaches a mobile apparatus using biometrics.

Niwa, U.S. Patent 6,453,301 B1, teaches a method of authorizing payment using biometrics.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kirsten S. Apple whose telephone number is 571.272.5588. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sam Sough can be reached on 571.272.6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-6126.

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